

## Preface



The Fourth Cracow Conference on Graph Theory “Czorsztyn 2002” was held in the old-time Tourist Village Czorsztyn, Poland, from September 16 to 20, 2002. The meeting was the next in the series of former conferences on graph theory organized by the Faculty of Applied Mathematics, AGH University of Science and Technology in Cracow, held namely in Niedzica (1990), Zakopane (1994) and Kazimierz Dolny (1997).

The Tourist Village Czorsztyn is a beautiful, peaceful complex of historic wooden villas from the 19th century, located in Kluszkowce village near Nowy Targ, a hundred kilometres south of Cracow. It is situated by Czorsztyn Lake on the Dunajec river in the marvelous surroundings of the Pieniny Mountains.

The conference attracted 97 participants from 20 countries and all inhabited continents. It was opened by Zdzisław Skupień, the founder of the entire graph theory group in Cracow. There were seven invited lectures given by Adrian J. Bondy, Mieczysław Borowiecki, Michał Karoński, Alexander Rosa, Vera T. Sós, Carsten Thomassen and Zsolt Tuza. In addition, there were 74 contributed talks (running in two parallel sessions) and three open problems sessions.

This Special Issue of *Discrete Mathematics* contains selected papers together with research problems presented at the conference; 53 manuscripts had been submitted and after a rigorous refereeing process, 37 of them were selected for publication.

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